



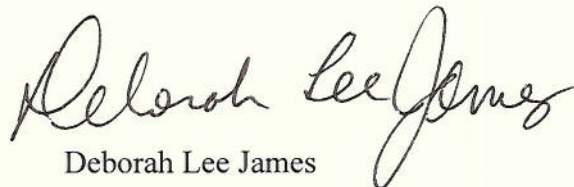
SECRETARY OF THE AIR FORCE
WASHINGTON

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MEMORANDUM FOR AF/A1

SUBJECT: Establishment of a Nuclear Deterrence Operations Service Medal

After careful consideration, the proposal to create the Nuclear Deterrence Operations Service Medal is approved. The medal's intent and criteria support the recognition of Airmen dedicated to our nation's strategic objectives in nuclear deterrence. The effective date of this medal is 27 May 2014. Eligibility for this medal will be made retroactive for currently serving active, guard and reserve Airmen.


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Nuclear Deterrence Operations Service Medal (NDOSM)

1. Eligibility Requirements.

a. **Personnel Eligible:** The NDOSM, authorized by the Secretary of the Air Force, may be awarded to members of the United States Air Force who, from 1 June 1992, were assigned to the Nuclear Enterprise and performed duties in nuclear operations, nuclear weapon storage facilities, nuclear command, control, and communication (NC3), security, transportation, maintenance, facility management/maintenance, nuclear certified aircraft operations, explosive ordnance disposal or installation Personnel Reliability Program (PRP) management, to include all Airmen assigned to nuclear missile and bomb wings regardless of career field.

Furthermore, the NDOSM will specifically recognize Airmen who dispatch to the missile complex in direct support of ICBM operations through the use of a gold "N" device. The NDOSM distinguished with an "N" device will be earned only by Airmen in Missile Maintenance (21MX, 2M0XX), Munitions and Weapons (2W0XX, 2W1XX, 2W2XX), Security Forces (31PX, 3P0XX), Services (3M0XX), Fuels (2F0XX), Transportation (2T1XX, 2T3XX), Civil Engineering (32EX, 3EXXX), Cyberspace Support (3D1X1, 3D1X2, 3D1X3, 3D100), Operations (11HXC, 13NX, 1A9XX); and 13SX officers on or before 9 Feb 2013) or Missile Facility Manager (8S000) who accumulate 179 non-consecutive days when dispatched to a missile complex.

b. **Degree of Participation.** Active duty, Guard or Reserve AF members must be assigned, attached, deployed or mobilized for 120 consecutive or 179 nonconsecutive days to units supporting nuclear deterrence to earn the basic NDOSM. To earn the NDOSM with the "N" device, Airmen outlined above must accumulate 179 non-consecutive days when dispatched to a missile complex.

2. **Approval.** Upon squadron commander certification and Group Commander (or civilian equivalent) approval. Separated or retired Airmen or those no longer assigned to a qualifying unit, request consideration for the NDOSM through AFPC; provide a DD Form 214, *Statement of Service*, reflecting honorable service in a qualifying career field with Enlisted Performance Reports or Officer Performance Reports that verify the qualifying unit and time period assigned. Retroactive eligibility for separated or retired Airmen will be made upon the preponderance of evidence that confirms at least one day assigned in a qualifying unit for the basic NDOSM.

3. **Subsequent Awards.** For each succeeding assignment to a unit conducting a nuclear mission a permanent change of station must occur. No more than one medal shall be awarded to any one Service Member for the same assignment. An Oak Leaf Cluster will denote subsequent awards. Only one "N" device will be awarded.

4. **Manner of Wearing.** The NDOSM shall be placed immediately below the Air and Space Campaign Medal; NDOSM is authorized for wear immediately upon certification and approval.

5. **Posthumous Awards.** The NDOSM may be awarded posthumously and, when so awarded, may be presented to such representative of the deceased, as may be deemed appropriate by the Secretary of the Air Force.

ATTACHMENT 1

NUCLEAR DETERRENCE OPERATIONS SERVICE MEDAL



Requirements to Submit a Recommendation for Award

Awarded to Active Duty, National Guard and Reserve personnel for military service in support of Strategic Nuclear Deterrence from 1 June 1992 to a date to be determined by the Secretary of the Air Force.

For eligibility a member must have been assigned, attached, deployed or mobilized to units in the Nuclear Enterprise and performed duties in nuclear operations, nuclear weapon storage facilities, nuclear command, control, and communication (NC3), security, transportation, maintenance, facility management/maintenance, nuclear certified aircraft operations, explosive ordnance disposal or installation Personnel Reliability Program (PRP) management to include all Airmen assigned to nuclear missile and bomb wings regardless of career field.

Furthermore, the NDOSM will specifically recognize Airmen who dispatch to the missile complex in direct support of ICBM operations through the use of a gold "N" device. The NDOSM distinguished with an "N" device will be earned only by Airmen in Missile Maintenance (21MX, 2M0XX), Munitions and Weapons (2W0XX, 2W1XX, 2W2XX), Security Forces (31PX, 3P0XX), Services (3M0XX), Fuels (2F0XX), Transportation (2T1XX, 2T3XX), Civil Engineering (32EX, 3EXXX), Cyberspace Support (3D1X1, 3D1X2, 3D1X3, 3D100), Operations (11HXC, 13NX, 1A9XX; and 13SX officers on or before 9 Feb 2013) or Missile Facility Manager (8S000) who accumulate 179 non-consecutive days when dispatched to a missile complex.

To be eligible for the basic NDOSM, personnel must have been assigned to installations and/or units providing nuclear deterrence as defined above for 120 consecutive days or 179 nonconsecutive days (the nonconsecutive service period for

eligibility remains cumulative throughout the entire period). To earn the NDOSM with an "N" device, Airmen outlined above must accumulate 179 non-consecutive days when dispatched to a missile complex. For the basic NDOSM (not to include the "N" device), ARC Airmen will define "assigned" as "on orders". Furthermore, ARC Airmen Initial Active Duty for Training (IADT) periods will not accumulate days for eligibility.

The approval authority is Group Commanders and/or civilian equivalent.

Authorized Devices: Oak Leaf Clusters denote subsequent awards. A permanent change of station to a unit conducting a nuclear mission must be accomplished for a subsequent award. Only one "N" device will be awarded.

Points towards enlisted promotion: None

Ribbon:

- Blue represents our nuclear dominance in the sky
- Red represents the power and passion in which we provide strategic nuclear deterrence
- Green represents the Earth and our global capabilities
- Gold represents the wealth of our nuclear enterprise-our people
- Silver represents the rich legacy of the U.S. strategic nuclear deterrence mission

Medal:

- Atomic graphic represents the core of our mission: nuclear capability



Headquarters U.S. Air Force

Nuclear Deterrence Operations Service Medal Eligibility Guide



Integrity - Service - Excellence

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